central scheme for the Appointment of Modern Indian Language Teachers. However, no Grants have been released . to the Government of Gujarat for the appointment of language teachers in schools in the State to teach South Indian languages as no such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development implements various schemes for language promotion in all states and UTs including Gujarat through its subordinate offices/autonomous bodies such as tlje Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra, Central Hindi Directorate, New Delhi, National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi, Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, Vadodara, etc.

The activities of these Institutions include linguistic studies and research, material production including audio-visual material, the publication of journals & magazines, the publication of bilingual and trilingual dictionaries, conversation guides, providing financial assistance to voluntary organizations, organizing seminars and conferences, giving awards to writers, training graduate teachers to better teach Indian languages, etc.

In addition, the centre also implements three schemes under which salaries are provided for teachers in state government schools to teach different modern Indian languges.

New IIT Institute at Bellary

989. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to start new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has requested to establish an IIT at Nandihally in Bellary district;

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to the same; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA

VERMA]: (a) to (d) The Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal to establish an Indian Institute of Technology at Nandihally in Bellary district. The issue of opening of new IITs was discussed by the Task Force on HRD in IT set up by the Prime Minister. The Task Force has recommended that possibility of opening new IITs in the country could be explored so that quality technical education reaches larger number of students. Meanwhile, considering resource constraints and huge investment, other-effective options such as increase in students intake and upgradation of existing institutions is being facilitated. Government of India have already conveyed its views on the proposal to the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Navodaya Vidyalayas in Assam

990. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in Assam;

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up any more Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Out of 23 districts in Assam, JNVs are functioning in 20 districts as per list enclosed as statement. *(See* below).

(b) to (d) Out of 3 uncovered districts, proposals have been received from State Government for 2 districts. But the sites recommended by State Government have not been found suitable and therefore the State Government has been requested for providing suitable alternative sites and temporary accommodation. Vidyalayas will be sanctioned on receipt of the same. The State Government has also been requested to forward proposal for the remaining district.